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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential, commercial, and industrial sales showed a decrease in December of 1984 compared to last year. The forecast for 1984 total utility sales are up 4.6 percent compared to 1983 sales.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

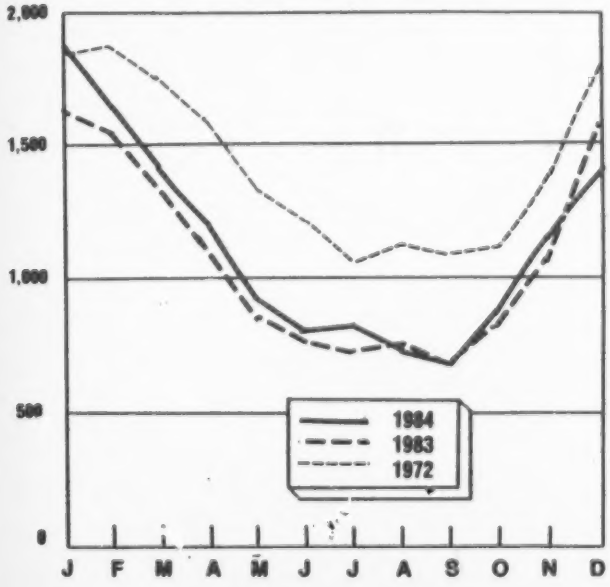
	December			Heating Season (Nov-Dec)		January 1 to December 31		
	1984	1983	% Change[1]	1984	Last Period	1984 Forecast[2]	1983	% Change
Residential	593.3	665.1	- 10.8	957.0	- 6.1	4,612.1	4,450.2	+ 3.6
Commercial	283.1	315.6	- 10.3	478.0	- 4.8	2,362.9	2,298.4	+ 2.8
Industrial	515.7	524.6	- 1.7	1,036.5	+ 3.4	6,323.3	5,970.0	+ 5.9
Other	15.2	17.4	-	26.9	-	147.8	140.4	-
Total Sales	1407.3	1522.7	- 7.6	2,498.4	- 2.1	13,446.1	12,859.0	+ 4.6
Transportation	181.3	115.2	+ 57.4	375.7	+ 61.9	N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	1588.6	1637.9	- 3.0	2,874.1	+ 3.2	N/A	N/A	
Degree Days*	736	1043	- 29.4	1,317	- 16.1			

*Source: (NOAA - Weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for December is 866.)

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.

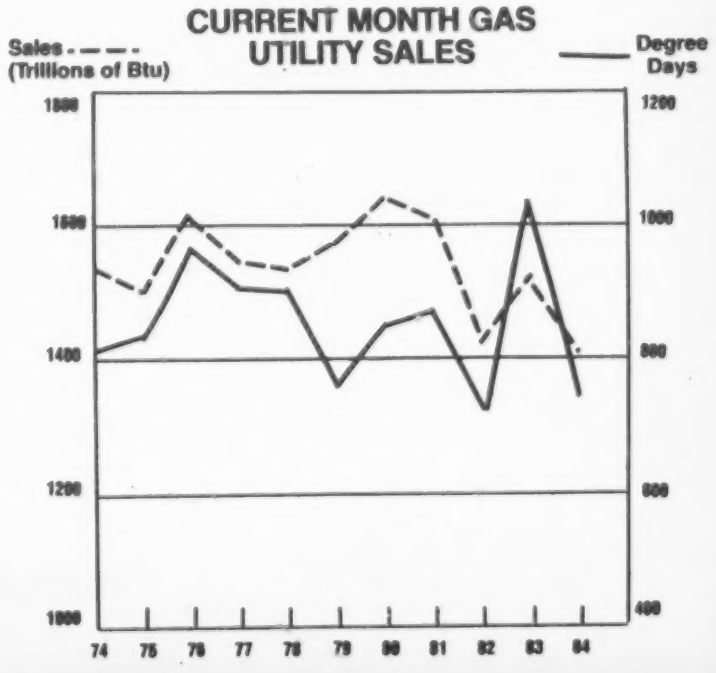
MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES

(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - DECEMBER
(Thousands of Units)

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Domestic Range			
Gas	151.2	149.0	+ 1.5
Electric	220.7	211.8	+ 4.2
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	62.4	49.5	+ 26.1
Electric	221.4	200.1	+ 10.6
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	162.9	172.6	- 5.6
Electric	19.0	22.0	- 13.6
Oil	13.4	12.1	+ 11.1
Boilers			
Gas	18.7	14.3	+ 31.2
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 10.9
Oil	8.1	8.0	+ 0.3

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - DECEMBER

	1984	1983	% Change '83 vs '84
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	96.8	108.3	- 10.6
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	583.0	578.2	+ 0.8
Electricity	348.2	329.8	+ 5.5
Fuel Oil	631.5	631.5	+ 0.0

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	78.3	84.8	- 7.6
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.82	5.70	+ 2.1
Commercial	5.61	5.49	+ 2.2
Industrial	4.35	4.35	- 0.0
Total	5.23	5.18	+ 1.0
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	181.3	115.2	+ 57.4
For Ultimate Consumers	43.6	28.3	+ 54.1
For Resale	212.3	195.3	+ 8.7
Total	437.2	338.8	+ 29.0
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu) November-Revised			
To Ultimate Consumers	194.4	116.8	+ 66.4
For Ultimate Consumers	42.7	27.1	+ 57.6
For Resale	188.9	148.6	+ 27.1
Total	426.0	292.5	+ 45.6

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1977	Dec.	1.974	2.333	2.067	1.685	1.735
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Jan.P	5.117	5.864	5.509	4.392	4.888
	Feb.P	5.104	5.866	5.501	4.370	4.880
	Mar.P	5.091	5.848	5.491	4.351	4.855
	Apr.P	5.081	5.850	5.486	4.339	4.841
	May P	5.073	5.851	5.483	4.328	4.820
	Jun.P	5.067	5.856	5.484	4.317	4.814
	Jul.P	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.P	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.P	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.P	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765
	Nov.P	5.051	5.862	5.486	4.293	4.747
	Dec.P	5.054	5.880	5.500	4.293	4.758

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AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1982	Dec.	4.96	5.40	5.19	4.33
1983	Jan.	5.16	5.57	5.38	4.49
	Feb.	5.18	5.58	5.44	4.49
	Mar.	5.23	5.78	5.54	4.50
	Apr.	5.17	5.73	5.50	4.46
	May	5.16	5.11	5.61	4.44
	Jun.	5.07	6.48	5.71	4.40
	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.P	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.P	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.P	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.P	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May P	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.P	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.P	4.78	6.86	5.68	4.18
	Aug.P	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.P	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.P	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30
	Nov.P	5.14	6.00	5.53	4.41
	Dec.P	5.23	5.82	5.61	4.35

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[2]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.